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The Building

The Law School of the University of Chicago offers a rigorous professional education designed to prepare students for leadership roles in the legal profession. Since its founding in 1902, the Law School has reflected the University's commitment to interdisciplinary education by integrating elements of the social sciences and humanities into its program.

The Law Library is the centerpiece of the Laird Bell Quadrangle, a group of buildings of architectural distinction designed by Eero Saarinen in the late 1950s. The design reflects the central importance of the Library in the Law program and provides faculty and student users easy access to Library materials essential to the Law School's goals.

The books are located at the Library's center; faculty offices and student study carrels surround the books on the third through sixth floors. On the second floor, books surround the large, open study area of the John P. Wilson Reading Room.

Vigorous scholarship requires a growing research collection. The Library's new extension will meet space needs well into the future. It doubles the Library's book-stack capacity and provides additional space for computer facilities and faculty and administrative offices. Reinforced floors allow compact bookstacks to be installed when necessary.

The extension, which expands the building forty-five feet to the south, preserves the architectural integrity of

Saarinen's award-winning design. Both the architect, W. Kent Cooper, and the design consultant to the University, Kevin Roche, collaborated with Saarinen on the original building. The original glass curtain wall has been replaced with a combination of double-glazed glass and spandrel panels that increase the building's comfort and energy efficiency without altering its distinctive appearance.

The Law Library, renamed the D'Angelo Law Library on June 12, 1987, offers improved services to students and faculty. The Louis H. Silver Special Collections Room has four times its original capacity for rare books. A new room houses microfilm, microfiche, readers, and printers. There are four conference rooms for group study. The expanded John P. Wilson Reading Room has rooms for reserve



The circulation and reference desks appear at the left of the reading room.

The Building



This student study carrel has a view across the Midway of the University's Main Quadrangles.

reading, reference, and computers, as well as a new reference counter and an enlarged circulation desk. A new computer training center is on the second floor, and the Muriel and Maurice Fulton Room, a comfortable periodicals reading room, is on the third floor.

Special facilities contributed by friends of the Law School are:

1957 John P. Wilson Reading Room

1957 Max Derry Conference Room

1959 Louis H. Silver Special Collections Room

1959 Ernst W. Puttkammer Suite

1969 Earl F. Simmons Conference Room

1972 Jerome S. Weiss Faculty Lounge

1976 Muriel and Maurice Fulton Room

1986 Sidley & Austin Conference Room

The D'Angelo Gift

"Debts to institutions that 'shape' you . . . can never be repaid; the debtor can only hope to match the obligation. Perhaps this gift helps me to achieve some parity." With these words, Dino D'Angelo and his wife Georgette presented \$4.5 million to the University for the Law Library expansion. Mr. D'Angelo is an attorney, real estate owner, patron of the arts, and philanthropist. Born in 1920 in the Abruzzi region of Italy, he came to the United States as a child and settled with his family on Chicago's West Side. He attended Crane Technical High School before receiving an A.B. from the University of Chicago in 1942 and a J.D. in 1944.



Dino and Georgette D'Angelo

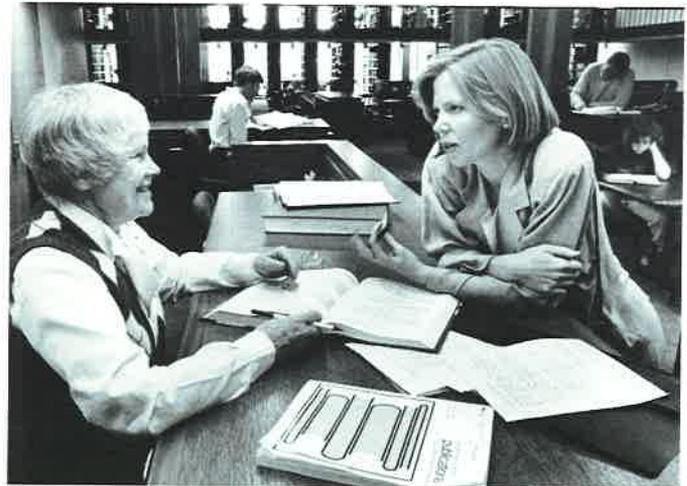
Collections & Services

The D'Angelo Law Library's collection of United States legal literature includes all reported decisions of the courts of the United States, statutes, session laws, annotated reports and statutes, law journals, encyclopedias, digests, treatises, and textbooks. The Library is a depository for United States Supreme Court records and briefs and for congressional and other federal documents. It also possesses a substantial collection of reports and opinions from many state and most federal administrative agencies.

The Library has a well-developed collection of legal materials from Great Britain, including early treatises and English nominate reports. These rare books, along with the Roman and canon law collections, support the Law School's program in legal history.

The Library collects legal materials of the Western European countries and documents of the European Economic Community. The German collection is particularly strong, but there are also substantial collections from France, Italy, Austria, and the Netherlands. These materials, along with those in international and comparative law, support scholarly work on the jurisprudence of Western Europe.

Other collections further reflect the Law School's interdisciplinary focus. The extensive economics collection, for exam-



The reference desk in the John P. Wilson Reading Room provides important services to student and faculty Library users.

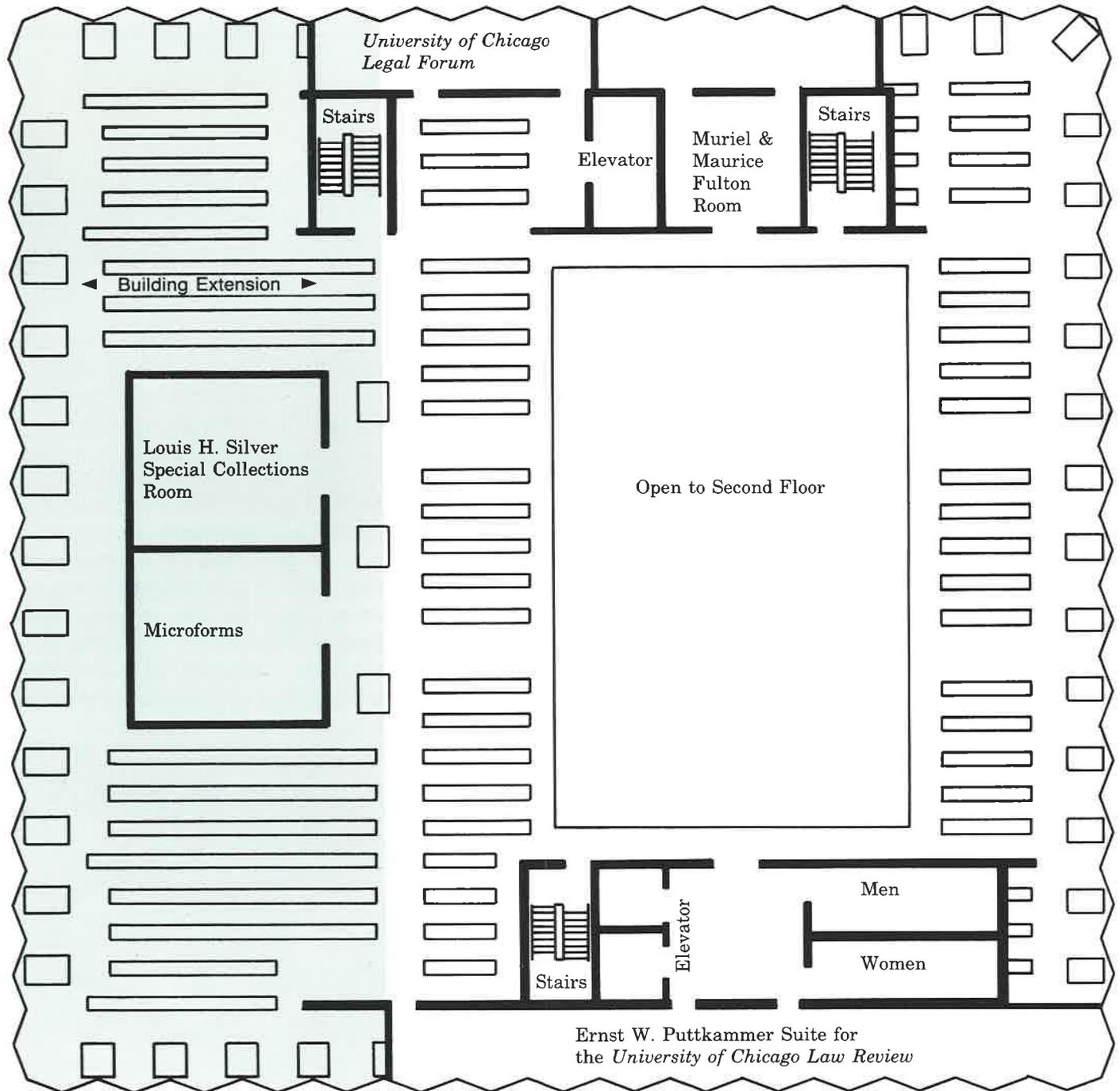
ple, supports the Law and Economics Program; the criminal justice and criminology collection supports the Center for Studies in Criminal Justice.

A variety of smaller collections include accounts of famous trials, legal humor, and biographies of famous jurists, attorneys, and others connected with the legal profession. The Library also maintains an archive of legal writings by Law School faculty and alumni.

Second Floor



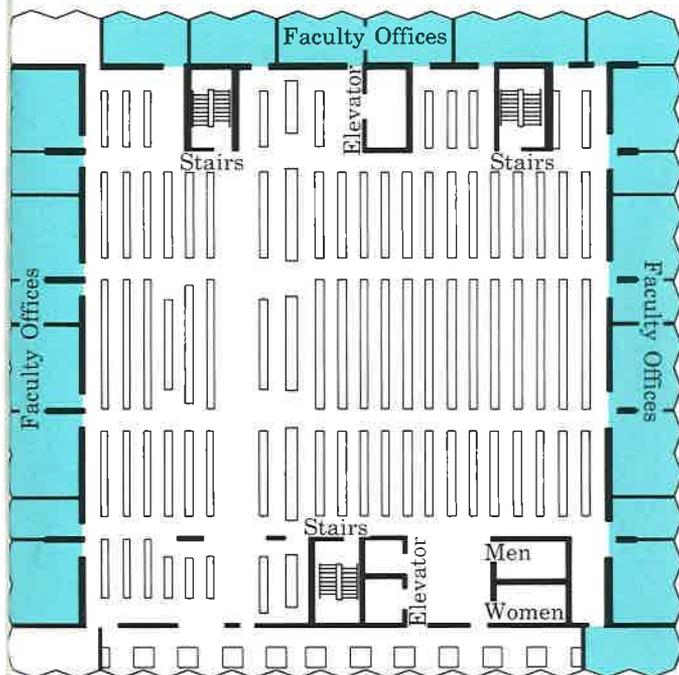
Third Floor



Third Floor: Congressional materials, regional reporters, trials, biography, economics, criminology, other non-law books, rare books, microforms, uncataloged books.

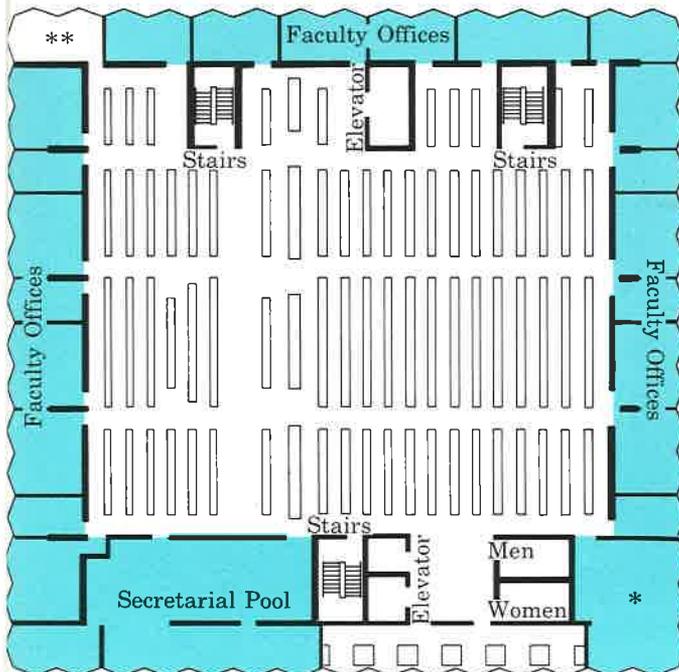


Fourth Floor



Fourth Floor: State collections, pre-1983 treatises. **N** ▶

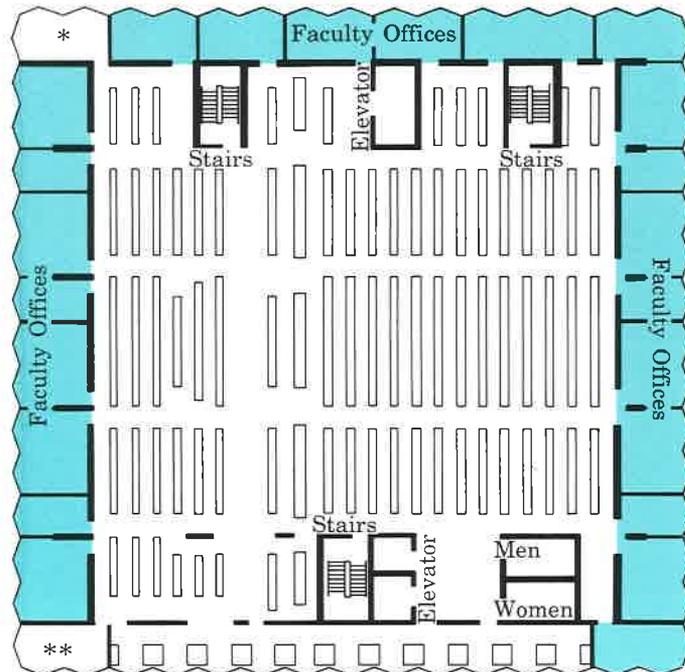
Fifth Floor



Fifth Floor: Federal collections, legal journals.

*Jerome S. Weiss Faculty Lounge. ** Earl F.

Sixth Floor



Sixth Floor: British, Canadian, Australian, international, and foreign law. *Max Derry Confer-

650,000 volumes on 14.3 miles of conventional shelving. The potential for installation of compact shelving will allow the Library to house an additional 165,000 volumes.

Dates

April 1903: "Old Law" cornerstone laid (now Stuart Hall)

December 12, 1957: Groundbreaking, Law School Center

April 29–May 1, 1960: Dedication, Law School Center

October 12, 1966: Dedication, Laird Bell Law Quadrangle

May 4, 1985: Groundbreaking, D'Angelo Law Library

June 12, 1987: Dedication, D'Angelo Law Library

Address and Telephone

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Architects

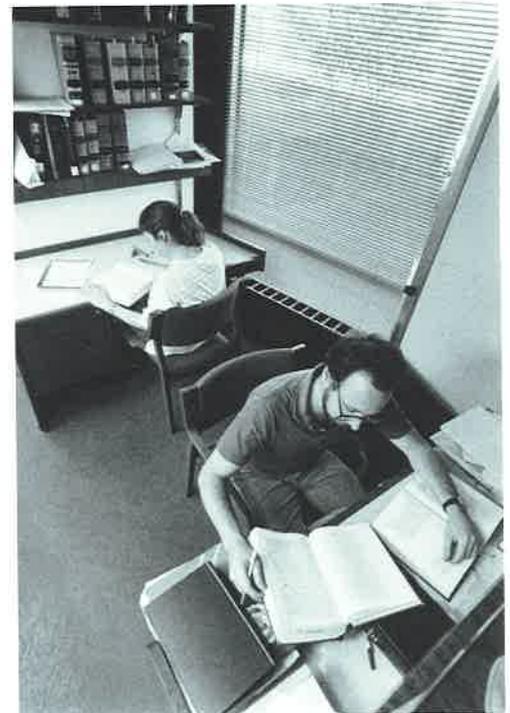
Eero Saarinen
W. Kent Cooper

Design Consultant

Kevin Roche

Construction Manager

Schal Associates of Chicago, Illinois



Law Students at their study carrels



Statistics

Approximate dimensions: 135 feet x 135
feet

Total space: 121,305 gross square feet

New space: 46,750 gross square feet

New bookstack sections: 1,879

New student carrels: 57

Total student carrels: 233

New rooms: computer, microforms, refer-
ence, reserve reading

Seating capacity: 421